

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 8, paragraph 1 (edited version):

As shown in figures 1 – 12, the beverage bottle holder 10 includes a pair of arcuate or curvilinear arms or ribs 24 with each rib 24 extending from each respective intermediate bridging portion 22. More specifically, each arm or rib 24 has a medial portion integrally formed to and joining with each intermediate bridging portion 22 and an opposite distal end 26. As shown in figures 1,2,4,6, 8 and 10, the distal ends 26 of the ribs 24 do not touch or contact each other but are slightly spaced from each other by ~~an outer splice opening or~~ a first gap 28. The ribs 24 are pliable and during insertion and securement of the beverage bottle, the ribs 24 flex and the distal ends 26 can be displaced from each other to facilitate beverage bottle insertion and securement. It can also be seen that the bridging portions serve as a spring mechanism, providing resistance when the distal ends 26 are pushed apart and urging a return to their normal, unstressed position.

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As shown in figures 1 – 12, the beverage bottle holder 10 includes a pair of arcuate or curvilinear arms or ribs 24 with each rib 24 extending from each respective intermediate bridging portion 22. More specifically, each arm or rib 24 has a medial portion integrally formed to and joining with each intermediate bridging portion 22 and an opposite distal end 26. As shown in figures 1,2,4,6, 8 and 10, the distal ends 26 of the ribs 24 do not touch or contact each other but are slightly spaced from each other by a first gap 28. The ribs 24 are pliable and during insertion and securement of the beverage bottle, the ribs 24 flex and the distal ends 26 can be displaced from each other to facilitate beverage bottle insertion and securement. It can also be seen that the bridging portions serve as a spring mechanism, providing resistance when the distal ends 26 are pushed apart and urging a return to their normal, unstressed position.

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As shown in figures 1 – 12, the preferred embodiment of the beverage bottle holder 10 also includes an interior arcuate portion 34 that is adjacent and spaced inwardly from the bridging portions 22. The interior arcuate portion 34 combines with the ribs 24 to form a generally circular opening or passage 36 into and through which the beverage bottle is inserted so that the beverage bottle can be held in place, generally near the mid-section of the beverage bottle. The springing action of the ribs 24, bridging portions 22, and interior arcuate portion 34 is such that the circular opening on passage 36 can be expanded sufficiently to allow insertion or removal of the bottle, while providing sufficient pressure to firmly grip the bottle when the invention is in use. While the interior arcuate portion 34 is shown as a continuous member in figures 1 – 9, in figures 10 and 11 the interior arcuate portion 34 has a second gap or splice opening 38 at its midpoint thereby forming two half arcuate portions 40 each of which is pliable to further facilitate the insertion of the beverage bottle.

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As shown in figures 1 – 12, the preferred embodiment of the beverage bottle holder 10 also includes an interior arcuate portion 34 that is adjacent and spaced inwardly from the bridging portions 22. The interior arcuate portion 34 combines with the ribs 24 to form a generally circular opening or passage 36 into and through which the beverage bottle is inserted so that the beverage bottle can be held in place, generally near the mid-section of the beverage bottle. The springing action of the ribs 24, bridging portions 22, and interior arcuate portion 34 is such that the circular opening on passage 36 can be expanded sufficiently to allow insertion or removal of the bottle, while providing sufficient pressure to firmly grip the bottle when the invention is in use. While the interior arcuate portion 34 is shown as a continuous member in figures 1 – 9, in figures 10 and 11 the interior arcuate portion 34 has a second gap 38 at its midpoint thereby forming two half arcuate portions 40 each of which is pliable to further facilitate the insertion of the beverage bottle.